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Title: Devices, Systems, and Methods for Reshaping a Heart Valve Annulus

AMENDMENT B
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment B responds to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2007, which was designated as being a final action.

An automatic three month extension of time, up to and including March 13, 2008, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Amendment B.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that also accompanies this Amendment B.

Please amend the application as follows: